



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2009 Biennium

Bill #	SB0200	Title:	Authorize litigation for cleanup of Mike Horse mine
Primary Sponsor:	Lewis, Dave	Status:	Select status

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2008 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2009 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2010 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2011 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Description of fiscal Impact:

This bill has no fiscal impact to the state.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

1. The funding for the natural resource damage litigation at the Upper Blackfoot Mining Complex authorized by SB 200 is assumed to be covered under the proposed extension of a loan from Coal Severance Tax Trust Fund via HB 298. The 2003 Legislature provided a \$650,000 line of credit from the Coal Severance Tax Trust Fund to pay for the Natural Resource Damage Program's litigation costs for the 2005 biennium. Subsequently, the 2005 Legislature re-appropriated the remainder of the loan and extended this authorization through June 30, 2007. The Natural Resource Damage Program has expended less than \$250,000 of the original \$650,000 loan through January 1, 2007. HB 298 would further extend this authorization and allow the program to operate on the remaining portion of the 2003 appropriation through the 2009 biennium. If HB 298 is approved, the remaining loan funds will cover continued settlement negotiations for the Upper Clark Fork River Basin litigation claim sites and preliminary litigation activities at the Upper Blackfoot site.

Sponsor's Initials

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Budget Director's Initials

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